

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Financial Assistance for Spices Growers
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of funds allocated under various schemes to give much needed fillip to the growers of various spices in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of total funds spent under the Export Development and Promotion of Spices Scheme in the last one year;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to know the benefits accrued out of the said scheme in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has announced any package to the chilli growers of Guntur, Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): Total amount of funds allocated under various schemes in Andhra Pradesh to give fillip to the growers of chilli and turmeric during 2015-16 is as under :

- i) Development of chilli and turmeric under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) Project - Rs.247.31 lakhs
- ii) Development of chilli and turmeric under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) project - Rs.22.99 lakhs
- iii) E Spice Bazaar project - Rs.54.89 lakhs

(b) & (c): The total funds spent under the Export Development and Promotion of Spices scheme during 2015-16 was Rs.21.49 lakhs for inhouse Lab programme for exporting unit. No study as such has been conducted for assessing the outcome of the said scheme. However, regular review is undertaken for increasing its effectiveness.

(d): Spices Board has established a Spice Park at Guntur with common infrastructure facilities for processing and value addition for the benefit of chilli farmers, traders and exporters in the region. Spices Board has also established a state of art Quality Evaluation Laboratory at Guntur for testing the samples from farming community and exporters. Further, Several programmes for development and production of spices such as area expansion, Integrated Pest Management(IPM)/Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), Organic farming, creation of water resources, micro irrigation, post harvest management etc. are implemented through State Horticulture Mission under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) of Government of India. The Board is also implementing E- Spices bazaar project in the Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh to aggregate the farmers produce, mainly chilli & turmeric and to provide online platform for the buyers so that the farmers get better price and there is scope for introducing traceability system for spices.
